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May 24, 2005

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**VIA U.S. MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

Charles L.A. Terreni, Esq.  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Notice of Election Alternative Regulation Plan - **Docket No. 2005-130-C**  
McClellanville Telephone Company Inc., Norway Telephone Company Inc., St.  
Stephen Telephone Company Inc., Williston Telephone Company Inc.

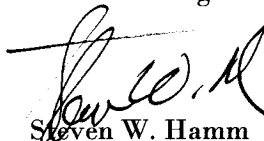
Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to the Commission's letter dated May 11, 2005, I am submitting the enclosed proof of publications from the Charleston Post and Courier, Orangeburg Times and Democrat and The People-Sentinel in Barnwell. The Proofs of Publications from the above listed papers confirm that TDS is in compliance with the directive from your office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if I need to provide the Commission with any further information.

**RICHARDSON, PLOWDEN, CARPENTER & ROBINSON, P.A.**

With Best Regards,

  
Steven W. Hamm

SWH/ceb  
cc: Jim Meade

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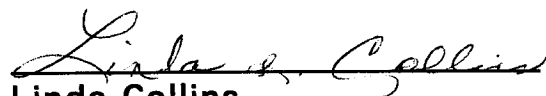
Personally appeared before me, Laura J. McKenzie, who being duly sworn on oath says she is the publisher of *The People-Sentinel*, a weekly newspaper published and circulated in the State of South Carolina; that the notice, of which a true copy is hereby attached, was published in said issue(s) of:

May 18, 2005

  
Laura J. McKenzie

Sworn to before me this 3rd

day of May, 2005.

  
Linda Collins  
Notary Public for South  
Carolina

My commission expires:  
March 27, 2007

**PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKETING DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE OF FILING  
DOCKET NO. 2005-130-C**

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A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 and is available from Steven W. Hamm, Esquire, Richardson, Plowden, Carpenter & Robinson, P.A., P. O. Drawer 7788, Columbia, SC 29202.

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and date of the hearing.  
furnished to all interested parties at  
a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 25, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2005-130-C**.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Steven W. Hamm, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **May 25, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2005-130-C**.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **May 25, 2005**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2005-130-C**.

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Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of  
South Carolina

Attn: Docketing Department  
P.O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
2005-0142  
1tc 05-18-05

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**State of South Carolina  
County of Orangeburg**

Personally appeared before me,  
**Barbara Beach**  
**Controller**  
of **The Times And Democrat**,  
a division of Lee Publications, Inc.  
A newspaper published at Orangeburg,  
County of Orangeburg,  
State of South Carolina.  
Who declares that the attached  
Notice was published in said newspaper  
On the following dates:

May 18, 2005



**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED  
BEFORE ME**

May 18, 2005



**NOTARY PUBLIC, S.C.**

My commission Expires: February 14, 2015

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## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

# The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising Clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the City of Charleston, County and State aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(Copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following day(s):

05/16/2005

at a cost of \$ 240.60  
Account# R0504032  
Order# C220ULVN  
P.O. Number: McClellanv  
Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 17th day  
of May  
A.D. 2005

Advertising Clerk

NOTARY PUBLIC, SC  
My Commission expires

10/10/13

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